

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the paragraph starting on page 6, line 5 as follows:

- The server name is the hostname of the back-end server as contained in the URL.
- The IP address is in IP V4 or IP V6 format.
- URL: One of the URLs associated with the server name.
- Availability: a percentage or NA for ~~not “available”~~ “not available”.
- Last received: date and time of the last received token from the server.
- Request sent: flag indicating whether an availability request has already been sent. It is reset every time a response is received.
- Number of retries: number of times a service availability request has been sent.
- Last sent: date and time of the last sent availability request.

Please amend the paragraph starting on page 10, line 4 as follows:

The part of the method relating to the steps implemented in the proxy when receiving the reply from the server to a service availability request is illustrated by the flow chart of Fig. 4. First, the reply is received by the proxy (step 70). The proxy determines whether a service availability token is present in the reply (step 72). If it is the case, the service availability token is decoded by the proxy (step 74). Then, the context table is updated by modifying the parameter “Last received” and writing the parameter “Availability” if necessary (step 76). After that, the token is removed from the reply message (step 78). Then, the reply received without a token or when the token has been removed is forwarded to the user (step 80).